



## State K-3 Policies

Does the state require the district to offer kindergarten and if so, full or half day? What exemptions exist for districts to offer kindergarten?

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At least 39 states plus the District of Columbia require districts to offer kindergarten either full or half day. At least 17 states plus the District of Columbia require full-day kindergarten, and 19 states require half-day kindergarten. Four states articulate that districts can offer full- or half-day kindergarten at the discretion of the board.

The following information was gathered from state statutes and regulations only.

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|----------|--|--------------------------------|
| Alabama  | Yes - Full   | Admin Code: 290-5-1-01         |
| Alaska   | No   |                                |
| Arizona  | Yes - Half   | Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-703 |
| Arkansas | Yes - Full   | Code Ark. R. 005.15.2-11.0     |

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| California           | Yes - Half   | Cal. Educ. Code § 46117               |
| Colorado             | Yes - Full   | Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-32-119.5   |
| Connecticut          | Yes - Half   | Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-15         |
| Delaware             | Yes - Full   | Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 1049        |
| District of Columbia | Yes - Full   | D.C. Code Ann. § 38-2807              |
| Florida              | Not specified in statute or regulations.   |                                       |
| Georgia              | Yes - Half   | Ga. Code Ann., § 20-2-151             |
| Hawaii               | Yes - Full   | Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 302A-411       |
| Idaho                | No   | Idaho Code Ann. § 33.208              |
| Illinois             | Yes - Half or Full   | 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/10-20.19a |
| Indiana              | Yes - Half or Full   | 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/10-20.19a |
| Iowa                 | Yes - Half   | Iowa Code Ann. § 280.3                |
| Kansas               | Yes - Half   | Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-3216             |

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| Kentucky      | Yes - Half   | Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 158.100<br>Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann § 157.320        |
| Louisiana     | Yes - Full   | La. Stat. Ann. § 17:151.3<br>28 La. Admin. Code Pt LXXIX, 115        |
| Maine         | Yes - Half   | Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 1001<br>Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 1258 |
| Maryland      | Yes - Full   | Md. Code Ann., Educ. §7-101 (e)(1)<br>Md. Code Regs. 13A.08.01.02    |
| Massachusetts | Yes - Half   | 603 Mass. Code Regs. 8.01 et. seq                                    |
| Michigan      | No   |  |
| Minnesota     | No   | Minn. Stat. Ann. § 124D.02   |
| Mississippi   | Yes - Full   | Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-21-6   |
| Missouri      | Yes - Half   | Mo. Ann. Stat. § 160.051<br>Mo. Ann. Stat. § 160.041                 |
| Montana       | Yes - Half or Full   | Mont. Code Ann. § 20-7-117   |

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| Nebraska       | Yes - Half   | Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann.<br>§ 388.060<br>Nev. Admin. Code<br>387.131             |
| Nevada         | Yes - Half   | Nev. Admin. Code<br>387.131  |
| New Hampshire  | No   | N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann.<br>§ 198:48-a   |
| New Jersey     | No.  | N.J. Admin. Code<br>§18A:44-2  |
| New Mexico     | Yes - Half   | N.M. Stat. Ann. §<br>22-13-3   |
| New York       | No   | N.Y. Educ. Law §<br>1712   |
| North Carolina | Yes - Full   | N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann.<br>§ 115C-47<br>N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann.<br>§ 115C-84.2     |
| North Dakota   | Yes - Half   | N.D. Cent. Code<br>Ann. § 15.1-22-01<br>N.D. Cent. Code<br>Ann. § 15.1-22-02 |
| Ohio           | Yes - Half   | Ohio Rev. Code<br>Ann. § 3321.05<br>Ohio Rev. Code<br>Ann. § 3313.48         |
| Oklahoma       | Yes - Full   | Okla. Stat. Ann. tit.<br>70, § 18-108  |

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| Oregon         | Yes - Half   | Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 336.095   |
| Pennsylvania   | No   | 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 5-503   |
| Rhode Island   | Yes - Full   | 16 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-99-3  |
| South Carolina | Yes - Full   | S.C. Code Ann. § 59-35-10   |
| South Dakota   | Yes - Half   | S.D. Codified Laws § 13-26-2<br>S.D. Codified Laws § 13-26-1  |
| Tennessee      | Yes - Full   | Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-201  |
| Texas          | Yes - Half or Full (at the option of a school district's board of trustees)  | Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 29.151<br>Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 29.152  |
| Utah           | Yes - Half   | Utah Code Ann. § 53G-7-203<br>Utah Admin. Code r. R277-419-4<br>Utah Code Ann. § 53F-2-102                      |
| Vermont        | Yes - Half   | Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 821<br><a href="#">Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices</a> |

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| Virginia      | Yes - Full   | Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-199<br>8 Va. Admin. Code 20-131-150 |
| Washington    | Yes - Full   | Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.150.315                       |
| West Virginia | Yes - Full   | W. Va. Code Ann. § 18-5-18                               |
| Wisconsin     | Yes - Half   | Wis. Stat. Ann. § 121.02                                 |
| Wyoming       | Yes - Half: school districts must establish and maintain relationships with a district that offers one full-day kindergarten.                        | Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-110                               |